

Draft Minutes

Information Session with Library Trustees and SMP
Thursday November 8, 2018 Barrington Middle School

Trustees present: Lindsey Maziarz, Sam Boduch, Traci Bisson, Lydia Cupp, Karolina Bodner (alternate Trustee)
Trustees not in attendance : Leigh Elliott, Robert Drew, Susan Frankel and Bridget Rounds (alternate Trustee)

6:00 pm - Welcome & Introduction along with brief history of working relationship with SMP and how we got to where we are-- Lindsey Maziarz Trustee President

6:10 pm- Jason LaCombe, SMP Architecture

- Evolution of the project from 2016 until present.
- Shared new one level design based on 12,919 square feet. Previous working design was 15, 800 square feet and a basement for storage. Explained that the need didn't match cost of a multi-level Library.
- Committed to a bond no more than 4.5 million dollars. Price brought down from \$5,139,000.

Questions & Answers

Q: Where is the storage space in the proposed new building?

A: Storage will be located throughout the building. A small storage room in the meeting/program room to store tables and chairs. Thirty-two feet of storage will be located behind the staff area. The display wall will also have storage space. There will also be a storage space in the staff room. Some details such as to where the book sale items will be located is still to be determined.

Q: Where is the mechanical equipment located ?

A: This will be located in the sprinkler room and in the ceilings of the bathrooms.

Q: Will the teen room be enclosed?

A: No, it was discussed that teen programming could happen in various spaces in the library.

Q: Owner Contingency?

A: Foundation funds will go toward furnishings, equipment, and outfitting of the building. The costs are still to be determined. There is a 20% contingency built into the budget.

Q: Will operating costs of the BPL remain the same ?

A: Current budgeted staffing will remain the same. Operating expenses are still to be determined as more data is needed. There is a plan for solar panels with the hope for an in-kind donation. The proposed building will be solar ready.

Q: What is the purpose of the Barrington Room?

A: The plan is for this to be a special room with information on the history of Barrington. It can also be used as a meeting room for smaller groups.

Q: How many years should the proposed new library support the town's demographics ?

A: Twenty years is estimated. Although library stacks can be made higher. In the current model, books will be 4 stacks high.

Q: Where are computer stations located ?

A: There will be kiosks and sit down areas. There is a plan in the future for tablets and computers to be available to borrow for use in the library. Wifi will be available in the library and possibly also in the library parking lot and playground.

Q: Why was the basement eliminated in the proposed new building plan ?

A: The recreation department didn't feel the need for the space. This made the proposed new building more cost effective.

Q: Will the Recreation Department take over the current library space ?

A: Yes, this is the plan. The current select board, library trustees, and recreation staff support this plan.

Q: How long will construction take?

A: Roughly 10 months, preference is to start in October 2019 after the Recreation Department's Summer Camp ends.

Q: Why are there two lots for parking ? How many spaces will be available?

A: There needs to be two lots because of the building site. There will be 50 spaces available. There was a discussion if there is enough space to maneuver going in and out of the parking areas. This will continue to be reviewed.

Q: Why have a patio on the proposed new library building ?

A: The thought is to have furniture on the patio for seating. This could be a place to sit outside and socialize or just relax with a book.

Q: Are sprinklers a code requirement ?

A: Yes.

Q: Is emergency lighting a code requirement ?

A: Yes.

Q: Is a generator part of the building ?

A: This is still to be determined.

Q: Is there a diagram of the inside space with dimensions of all the rooms ?

A: Not at this time. SMP will be providing a diagram with dimensions to the Trustees for review. This will then be shared with the public.

Q: Will the budgeted building include technology ?

A: Bottomline number includes everything. Total budget will not be more than 4.5 million in the warrant article.

Discussion on upcoming bond hearings, deliberative sessions, and March vote.

Minutes recorded by: Lydia Cupp, secretary of the BPL Trustees